REMARKS

REJECTIONS

Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-18 and 20-25 are pending in the application.

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2-5, 8-11, 14-17, 20-23 are amended. No new matter is added. Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-18, 20-25 are pending and under consideration.

Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-18, 20-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by US Pat No 6,665,841 (Mahoney et al), hereafter Mahoney. Mahoney is newly cited, and newly relied upon.

Claims 2-5, 8-11, 14-17, 20-23 are amended to clearly recite a data or an area restricted "by an administrator of the data." The amended feature is described in the Specification at pages 9-10 (<Operation of Setting Hide Area>), Figure 3 and so on.

The Office Action relies upon Mahoney column 31, lines 1-40, which discusses that document images are segmented into layout objects in document search and retrieval system, each layout object identifies different structural elements in a document image, the system computes attribute and features for each segmented layout object. In Mahoney, before any document images are transmitted between a client and a server, users specify which documents image attributes and features are most relevant to their browsing or searching tasks, but Mahoney does not expressly or inherently discuss setting image attributes and features of document corresponding to a target request source. Further, Mahoney discusses that during the first stage of transmission, only layout objects of a document image are transmitted at the low resolution, during the second stage of transmission, which is only invoked if a user request it, those layout objects transmitted are re-transmitted at the high resolution.

However, a prima facie case of anticipation cannot be established based upon Mahoney, because Mahoney fails to disclose expressly or inherently the claimed "a control information recording unit recording control information related to data restricted by an administrator of the data from being provided depending on said request source" and "an edit unit creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by preventing an area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided to said request source," which creates response data after receiving request data depending on the request

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source. Mahoney does not disclose expressly or inherently creating the response data corresponding to the request data from a request source, because Mahoney discusses that document images are previously segmented into layout objects rather than in response to a request source. Mahoney differs from the claimed "an edit unit creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by preventing an area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided to said request source" according to the control information for the request source.

For example, the present application FIGs. 3-4 illustrate the user inputting an IP address of a requesting client, a target file and coordinates of the specified area, as hiding information. When the client having the input IP address requests data, the edit unit uses the corresponding hiding information of the client to create response data based upon the hiding information. A benefit of the claimed embodiment is that data restricted by an administrator of the data is prevented from being transmitted to the request source (user). Mahoney does not discuss expressly or inherently this feature, because Mahoney discusses that document images are transmitted at a high resolution depending on a request by any user rather than the claimed "preventing an area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided to said request source" according to the control information for the request source.

Dependent claims recite patentably distinguishing features of their own, or are at least patentably distinguishing due to their dependencies from the independent claims.

Withdrawal of the rejection of pending claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-18, 20-25 is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objection or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

     If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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